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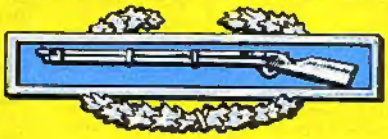
DEFY DANGER AND DEATH WITH THE FIGHTING INFANTRY!



DON'T MISS "THE VOLUNTEER!" "THE YELLOW FEATHER!" AND OTHER TALES OF REAL COMBAT!

Reducing Specialist Says:

LOSE WEIGHT Where It Shows Most REDUCE MOST ANY PART OF THE BODY WITH

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Relaxing • Soothing Penetrating Massage

FOR GREATEST BENEFIT IN REDUCING by massage use spot REDUCER with or without electricity—Also used as an aid in the relief of pains for which massage is indicated.

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TAKE OFF EXCESS WEIGHT!

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FLOOM
WOOM
BLOOM
KA-R-R-R-R-OOM
HOLY CRIPES!
WOW! YA CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, COOKIE!
YA MUSTA TOSSED ONE OF THEM IRON PINEAPPLES RIGHT INTO THEIR AMMO BOX! IT SPLIT THAT CRAWLIN' CAN WIDE OPEN!
...AN' IT SPILLED OUT FIVE COMMIES... ALL DEAD!
YEAH, ALL... HEY, COMBAT! THIS ONE IS STIRRIN'... HE'S ALIVE!
QUICK, COOKIE... GRAB THAT HUNKA PAPER OUTTA HIS MOUTH!
CRIPES, COMBAT... YA MEAN THAT THESE GUYS ARE SO HARD UP FOR CHOW THAT THEY GOTTA EAT PAPER?
SURE... WHEN THE PAPER HAPPENS TO BE A MILITARY MAP... DRAWN ON EATABLE RICE PAPER!

WHAT DOES IT SAY, COMBAT?
NOTHIN'... JUST A REGULAR MAP..
BUT I SAVVY THE ARROWS... THEY SHOW THE WAY TO A HIGH SPOT MARKED BY A RED CIRCLE!
MUST BE SOMETHIN' IMPORTANT ... HUH?
MEBBE A...
OWW!
BLAM!
BRAM M
BRAM M
I'M OKAY, COMBAT! THE SLUG GOT ME IN THE WING... IT AIN'T NOTHIN'!
YEAH, SURE... AN' A LOTTA OTHER GUYS THAT SAID THAT HAVE THEIR DOG-TAGS NAILED TO A HUNKA WOOD! I'M GONNA LOAD THAT HOLE WITH SULFA POWDER AND SLAP A BANDAGE OVER IT... SO RIP OFF THAT SHIRT!
RIP!
THERE... THAT'LL HOLD YA TILL WE MEET UP WITH A MEDIC! NOW LET'S TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS MAP THAT GUY WAS TRYING TO SWALLOW!
HEY, THAT'S A MAP OF THE CHINESE ASSEMBLY AREA... THE IRON TRIANGLE!
YEAH! THAT'S WHERE WE ARE... AN' HERE'S OUR OUTFIT! BUT LOOK AT THOSE TWO RED ARROWS... THEY POINT TO KUMSONG! HMM! WONDER WHAT THOSE REDS GOT THERE?
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT, COMBAT... SO LET'S GO!
NORTH KOREA
PYONGGANG
KUMHWA
CHORWON
SOUTH KOREA
38° PARALLEL

COMBAT AND COOKIE WALK FOR FIVE HOURS AND FINALLY THE TWO WEARY DOG-FACES FIND THE SPOT MARKED ON THE MAP...
CRIPES, COMBAT! IT'S A KOREAN SKYSCRAPER!
IT'S A TEMPLE! BUT WHY IN BLAZES DID THOSE REDS MARK A TEMPLE ON A MILITARY MAP?
YOU COVER ME, COMBAT! I'M GONNA TAKE A LOOK-SEE!
GOTCHA, COOKIE!
CRIPES, COMBAT!
YEAH!
THIS PLACE IS NICE AN' PEACEFUL, COOKIE! AN' I'M BUSTED! LET'S FLOP AN' TAKE FIVE!
YEAH... WE CAN SURE USE A LITTLE REST!

...BUT SOON COMBAT AND COOKIE ARE FAST ASLEEP AND THE NIGHT QUIETLY SNEAKS BY..

TEN HOURS LATER, THE TWO AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE AWAKENED BY...

DAMES!

AW, YER DREAMIN', COOKIE!

NAW, COMBAT! THE JOINT'S FILLED WITH 'EM! THEY MUST BE NORTH KOREAN WACS!

GET UP, AMERICAN MONGRELS!

THE GROUP OF FEMALE NORTH KOREAN SOLDIERS, LEAD THEIR TWO PRISONERS UP A LONG, WINDING STAIR-CASE TO THE TOP OF THE HIGH TEMPLE, AND...

CRIPES, COMBAT! SHORT-WAVE RADIOS!

YES, SWINE! OUR BEST OPERATORS WERE TO ARRIVE BY TANK TO WORK THESE SETS! BUT THEY HAVE NOT COME!

WITH THIS TEMPLE AS AN OBSERVATION POST, WE CAN WIPE OUT EVERY AMERICAN MAN AND GUN IN THE FIELD!

BUT YOU GALS DON'T KNOW HOW TO OPERATE THESE THINGS, AN' YOUR MEN AREN'T HERE... SO IT LOOKS LIKE YOU GALS ARE OUT OF LUCK!

OH, NO! IT IS ***YOU TWO*** WHO WILL BE OUT OF LUCK IF YOU CANNOT OPERATE THESE RADIOS! YOU WILL SEND THE POSITIONS OF AMERICAN TROOPS AND GUNS TO OUR ARTILLERY OR WE WILL ***HANG*** YOU FROM THE TOP OF THIS TEMPLE!

(GULP!) WHATTA CHOICE... SEND OR ***SWING!***

SWING... THAT'S IT, COOKIE! IF YOU KNOW HOW TO OPERATE THAT THING, GET SOME SOLID ***SWING*** MUSIC ON IT... I'LL DO THE REST!

CRIPES, COMBAT, YOU MUST BE SOFT IN THE HELMET! WE'RE GONNA GET ***HUNG***... AND YOU WANT ***SWING*** MUSIC!

MEANWHILE, THE AMERICAN FORCES OPEN A DEADLY BARRAGE ON THE MAIN FRONT...

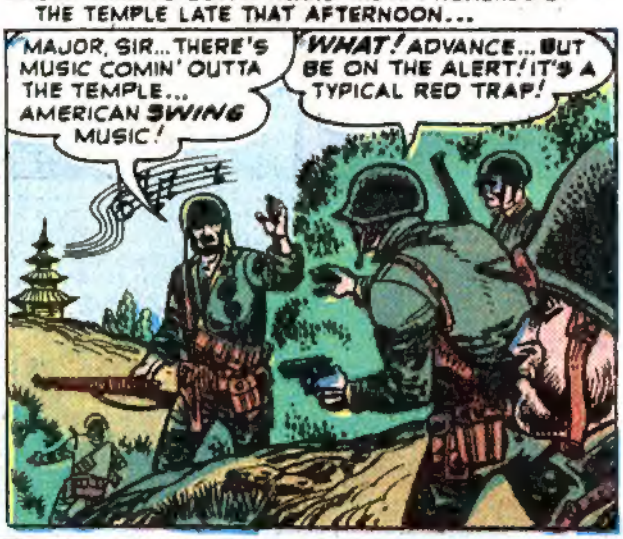
MORTARS FOLLOW THE BIG-GUN ASSAULT...

THEN THE TANKS!

THEN COMES THE PRIDE OF THE ARMY, *THE INFANTRY!*

THE DATE IS JUNE 12, 1951... AND THE TANKS AND FOOT SOLDIERS OF THE 8TH ARMY SMASH THE COMMUNIST DEFENSES AND SURGE FORWARD TOWARD KUMSONG...

MAJOR THORN'S OUTFIT NEARS THE APPROACHES OF THE TEMPLE LATE THAT AFTERNOON...


MAJOR, SIR... THERE'S MUSIC COMIN' OUTTA THE TEMPLE... AMERICAN *SWING* MUSIC!
WHAT! ADVANCE... BUT BE ON THE ALERT! IT'S A TYPICAL RED TRAP!

COMBAT KELLY! I SHOULDA KNOWN THAT IT WAS YOU AND THAT YARDBIRD! YOU'LL BOTH PAY FOR THIS! WHILE WE'RE OUT FIGHTIN' THIS BLASTED WAR, YOU TWO HELMET-HEADS ARE DANCING AND STALLING AROUND!
STALLING... MAJOR... THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING... UNTIL HELP CAME!
YEAH, STALLIN'S A LOT BETTER'N *SWINGIN'!*
MAJOR, WISHIE JITTER-BUGGIE, HUH?
THE END

Meet The Man...

Who Can Tell You How To Lick

PIMPLES

ACNE AND ALL OTHER EXTERNALLY CAUSED SKIN BLEMISHES And Make Them

DISAPPEAR FROM SIGHT... *instantly!*

Here is Mr. John A. Rubine, Ph.G. — a well-known pharmacist who has spent almost 20 years trying to solve one of the most vexing problems of youth — and adults too — unsightly, acne pimples, blackheads and similar externally caused skin conditions.

They are indeed a serious problem, for nothing can do more to ruin your chances of success and popularity than a face made ugly with pimples and blackheads. And, if neglected, acne pimples may leave permanent scars and pits.

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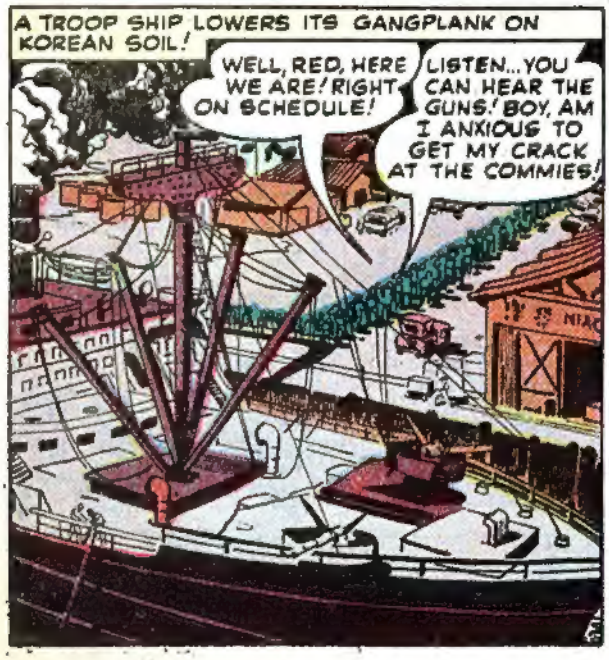
THE VOLUNTEER


A TROOP SHIP LOWERS ITS GANGPLANK ON KOREAN SOIL!
WELL, RED, HERE WE ARE! RIGHT ON SCHEDULE!
LISTEN... YOU CAN HEAR THE GUNS! BOY, AM I ANXIOUS TO GET MY CRACK AT THE COMMIES!

THERE THEY ARE... THE TANKS... MY BABIES! BROTHER, WAIT UNTIL I CLIMB INTO THE BELLY OF ONE OF THOSE!
YOU MEN LINE UP AT H.Q. FOR UNIT ASSIGNMENTS IMMEDIATELY!
MP

C'MON, LET'S GO! I DIDN'T JOIN THE ARMY TO STAND IN LINE! I WHEELED A TRUCK FOR YEARS AS A CIVVY... NOW I WANT TO CLIMB INTO A TANK AND SEE SOME ACTION!
TAKE IT EASY, BUD.. YOU'LL SEE PLENTY OF ACTION!
H.Q
BISHOP WILLIAM...
THAT'S ME, SIR! TANKMAN!
SO I SEE! CIVILIAN WORK, TRUCK DRIVER! GOOD!
BISHOP, OUR TANK CREWS ARE ALL FILLED UP, BUT WE BADLY NEED EXPERIENCED DRIVERS FOR CONVOY DUTY! THAT'S WHERE I'M ASSIGNING YOU!
BUT... BUT, SIR!
NEXT! STEP LIVELY!
SO RED BISHOP BECAME A TRUCK DRIVER AGAIN AND HE DIDN'T LIKE IT!
THIS IS YOUR LIMOUSINE, RED!
NUTS! IF I WANTED TO BE A TRUCK DRIVER I DIDN'T HAVE TO ENLIST! I COULD'VE STAYED HOME AND GOT BETTER PAY!
THE TRUCKS ROLLED, SOMETIMES CARRYING FOOD...
BOOM!
SOMETIMES AMMUNITION...
AND SOMETIMES MEN!

DRIVING DAY AND NIGHT! LOUSY WEATHER, LOUSY ROADS.. LOUSY TRUCKS, AND ME A TANKMAN... NUTS!
ENEMY PLANE... HIT THE DIRT!
BRA-TA-TA-TA-TA-TA-TA-TA-TA-
KA
LIKE SITTING DUCKS... WE CAN'T EVEN FIGHT BACK! WHAT A SOLDIER I TURNED OUT TO BE! SQUATTING BEHIND A TRUCK WHEEL... I'M GETTING FED UP!
THE MEN ON CONVOY DUTY HAD LITTLE REST, AND RED BECAME MORE IRRITABLE AS THE DAYS ROLLED ON! HIS HATRED TOWARD HIS JOB SOON TURNED TO HATRED FOR THE WHOLE ARMY!
HEY, RED, LOOK...THAT'S ERNIE WALTERS, THE NEWSPAPER WRITER! HE MUST BE GETTIN' SOME DOPE FROM THE GUYS! LET'S SEE!
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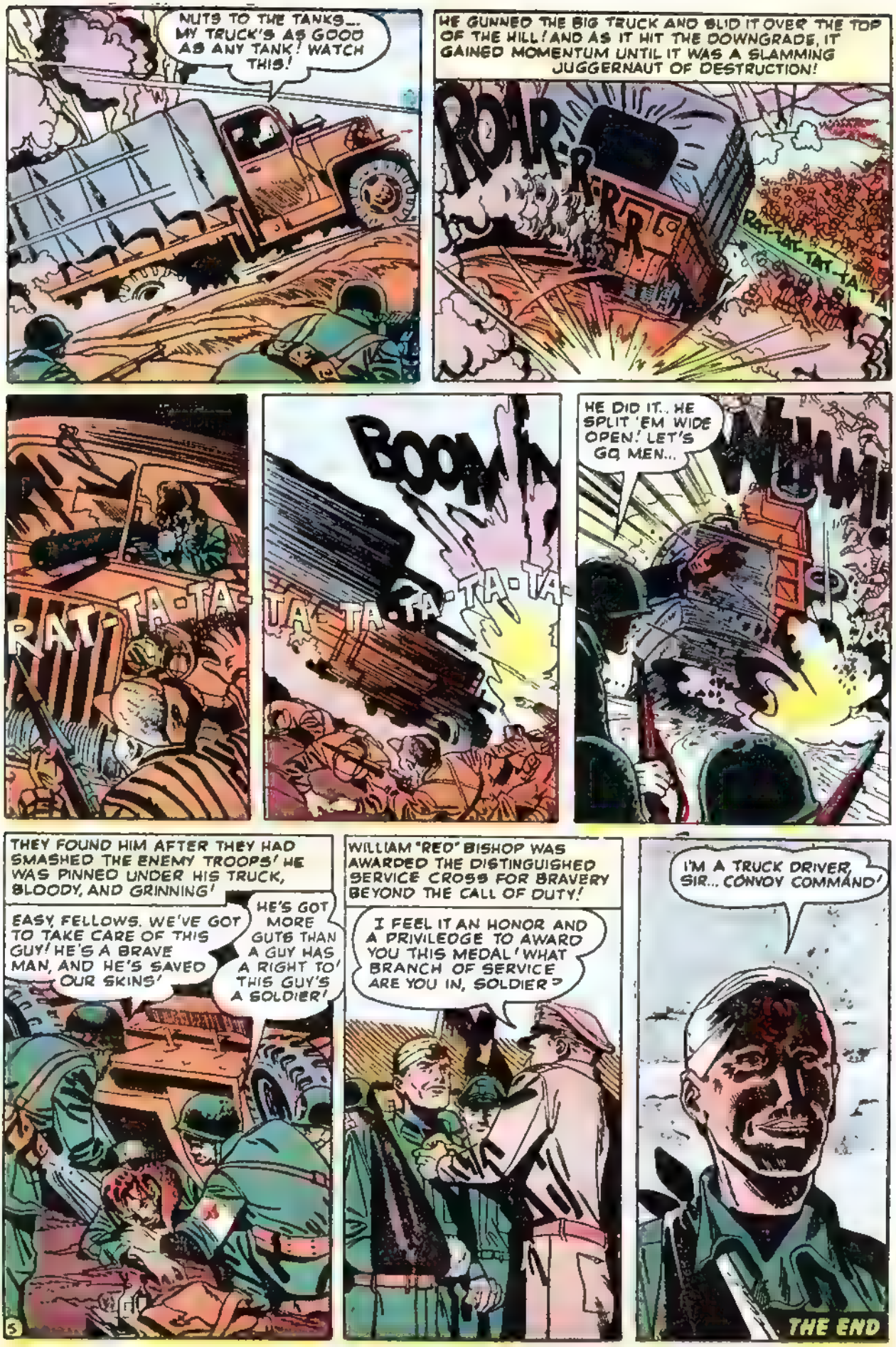
WHAT IS YOUR OUTFIT, SOLDIER?
HE AIN'T NO SOLDIER... HE'S A TRUCK DRIVER! HA! HA! HA!
WHY YOU...
RED, CUT IT OUT!
AS YOU WERE, BISHOP!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
SIR, I WANT A TRANSFER TO ANOTHER BRANCH OF THE SERVICE.. ANY BRANCH WHERE I HAVE A CHANCE TO FIGHT!
BISHOP, YOU DON'T SEEM TO REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT YOUR JOB IS! THOSE TRUCKS YOU DRIVE ARE THE LIFELINE OF THE ARMED FORCES! WITHOUT THEM OUR ENTIRE OFFENSIVE WOULD BOG DOWN! ON YOUR WAY, NOW!
BALONEY! IT'S EASY FOR HIM TO TALK! FOR MY MONEY THE WHOLE DEAL STILL STINKS!
THE CONVOYS ROLLED OUT, UP TOWARD WHERE THE GUNS WERE GROWLING, THEN THEY WERE HALTED AND THE DRIVER SUMMONED!
MEN, UP AHEAD THE 48TH BATTALION IS FACING HEAVY ENEMY OPPOSITION IN THE VALLEY, AND RUNNING SHORT OF AMMUNITION! THE REDS ARE CIRCLING TO CUT THE ROAD! I WANT A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE A TRUCKLOAD OF AMMO IN THERE!
I'M YOUR MAN, SIR!
RED GOT THROUGH BEFORE THE ROAD WAS BLOCKED, AND ROLLED UP TO WHERE THE EMBATTLED TROOPS HAD DUG IN!
YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME! WE'RE WAITING FOR TANKS TO COME UP AND HELP US GET THROUGH THE VALLEY!
SIR.. MESSAGE FROM H.Q! NO TANKS AVAILABLE!
YOU'VE GOT A TANK, BUDDY... MY TRUCK! HELP ME PUSH THIS STUTTER-GUN THROUGH MY WINDSHIELD AND I'LL SHOW YOU!
YOU'RE CRAZY, MAN... THEY'RE COMING UP AT US... YOU CAN'T STOP THEM WITH A TRUCK!


NUTS TO THE TANKS... MY TRUCK'S AS GOOD AS ANY TANK! WATCH THIS!
HE GUNNED THE BIG TRUCK AND SLID IT OVER THE TOP OF THE HILL! AND AS IT HIT THE DOWNGRADE, IT GAINED MOMENTUM UNTIL IT WAS A SLAMMING JUGGERNAUT OF DESTRUCTION!
ROAR-R-R-R
RAT-TAT-TAT-TA-TA
RAT-TA-TA-TA
BOOM
TA-TA-TA-TA-TA
HE DID IT.. HE SPLIT 'EM WIDE OPEN! LET'S GO, MEN...
WHAM!
THEY FOUND HIM AFTER THEY HAD SMASHED THE ENEMY TROOPS! HE WAS PINNED UNDER HIS TRUCK, BLOODY, AND GRINNING!
EASY, FELLOWS. WE'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF THIS GUY! HE'S A BRAVE MAN, AND HE'S SAVED OUR SKINS!
HE'S GOT MORE GUTS THAN A GUY HAS A RIGHT TO! THIS GUY'S A SOLDIER!
WILLIAM "RED" BISHOP WAS AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS FOR BRAVERY BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY!
I FEEL IT AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEDGE TO AWARD YOU THIS MEDAL! WHAT BRANCH OF SERVICE ARE YOU IN, SOLDIER?
I'M A TRUCK DRIVER, SIR... CONVOY COMMAND!
THE END
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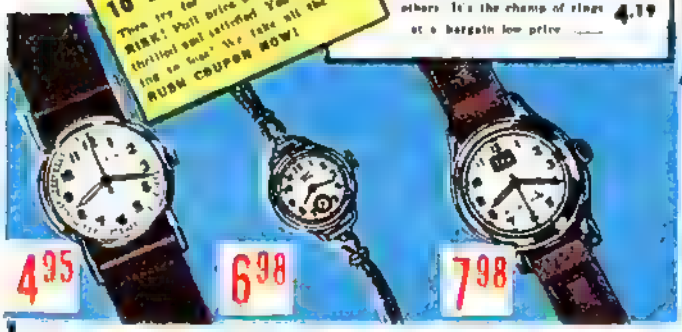

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THE DEAD SENTINEL

IF you walk into the office of one of New York's most important executives, you will see a very expensive gold frame hanging on his wall. And if you walk closer to see what is under the glass of that magnificent frame, you will be absolutely astonished.

How could anyone come to frame a thing like *that!*

Well, this is the story of how he could frame it just that way—and why it hangs on his office wall, just as it will always be wherever this man makes his living.

The story starts sometime after Pearl Harbor — and takes place just there.

Private Frank Cranshaw had been wounded slightly in the course of the Japanese attack on the Philippines and been routed to Australia for hospitalization. After that, he'd had a brief furlough in the states.

Then he'd been returned to the Pacific. He was placed on garrison duty on Hawaii until such time as his outfit, which was being reorganized, would need him again. And if they didn't need him, he'd be sent out, after a while, as a replacement to another division.

Meanwhile, he was more than happy to relax on the beautiful island which was fantastically sentinel-conscious since that awful December 7th when the skies had rained unexpected destruction. He spent a lot of time in town, he drilled with the new recruits, he improved his marksmanship on the rifle range and he got very, very impatient with the slow, leisurely life he was leading.

"I sit around and relax while my buddies are getting knocked off all over the place," he would growl every time he read the papers.

But all requests for a transfer to more active duty were firmly turned down by his superiors.

"You'll wait your turn, Cranshaw, like the rest of the men," they told him.

He became discouraged and less of a soldier every day that passed. He was quite moody and sometimes even got "gigged" for not being absolutely perfect at inspection. But that made him feel worse.

The idea that he was getting off with slight punishments for minor infractions of the military code while men he had known well in the Philippines were screaming out their last breaths on some Pacific island or other—this thought almost made him ill.

And so he got "gigged" more and more, that is, he had less and less free time.

"I don't care," he muttered morosely to himself. "Maybe if I become a bad enough soldier, they'll send me back to where a man's a man!"

In his annoyance, he failed to notice what a really sloppy soldier he had become.

One day, after a long period spent confined to barracks, he was finally allowed a pass into town.

He gloried in the unaccustomed freedom and sat up quite late that night talking to friends. By the time he got back to barracks, dawn was breaking. He undressed himself and started to climb gratefully into bed.

"Hey, Cranshaw!" the sergeant's rough voice cut in behind him. "Get those clothes back on. You're on guard duty today!"

"Guard duty?" Frank asked almost stupidly. "But I didn't have any sleep last night!"

"Too bad. But that's not my fault. It's your turn, according to the roster. Let's get going!"

Groggily, Pvt. Cranshaw dressed himself and followed the sergeant.

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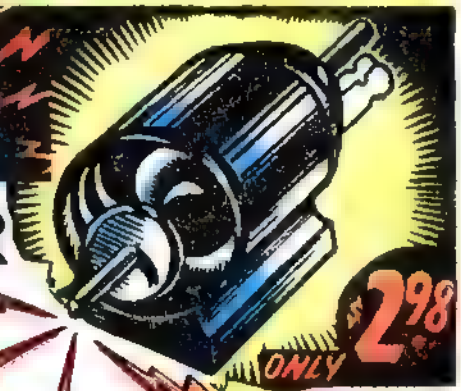

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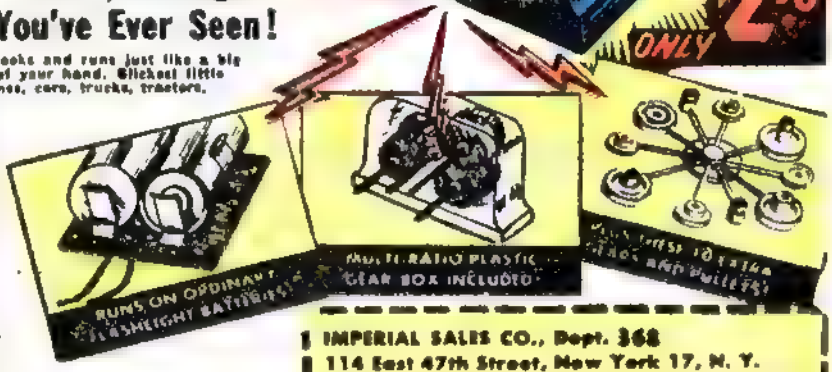

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Much to his dismay, he was chosen for the first relief which meant that we went on duty immediately, instead of getting the two hours' sleep he would have had if he'd been on the second relief — and the four hours' if he'd been on the third.

Guard duty was two hours on and four off for each shift.

He was marched off to his post, an isolated one near the beach, to relieve the man from the previous tour of guard duty there.

And then, after the corporal and the rest of the guard detail had marched away, he was free to be alone so long as he "walked his post in a military manner" as the General Orders put it.

Since the day that was breaking was going to be another tropical scorcher, he paused from time to time to lean against the tall sentinel box, to stare out at the sea and yawn.

A mosquito buzzed near him and he slapped at it angrily. All he had to do, he reflected, was just be alert enough to hear the Officer of the Day or the Officer of the Guard when they made their rounds and challenge them. They would come down the thin winding road in front of the sentry box, from what he knew of them.

The only other dangers were a possible invasion from the sea by the Japanese and a fifth-column uprising on the island. He smiled at both possibilities.

The mosquito zoomed in close to him, then away before he could even register a slap. He decided he definitely didn't like it.

As he leaned against the box which looked like a thin, empty house just not meant for people, he heard the lazy drone of the mosquito coming from a tremendous distance away. He waved at it heavily.

The side of the sentry box seemed so comfortable . . . And the day was so delicious, warm . . . And he was so sleepy . . .

"Ouch!" he yelled, coming awake as the mosquito bit him on the forehead. He slapped himself there and felt the mosquito crush under his palm.

And at the same moment he heard footsteps coming down the little-used path *behind* the sentry box. He whirled, bringing his rifle up and rapping out a challenge.

It was Colonel Barker, the commandant of the post! "Well done, soldier," that officer told him after he had identified himself. "You looked drowsy from a distance, but I can see that you're more than alert. Just remember to walk your post instead of standing still in the future. It looks better."

"Yes sir!" Cranshaw told him, doing a stiff military salute. "I will!"

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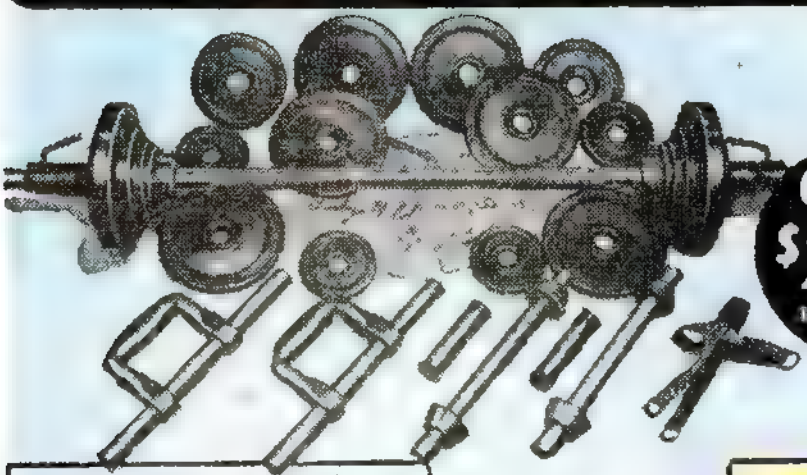

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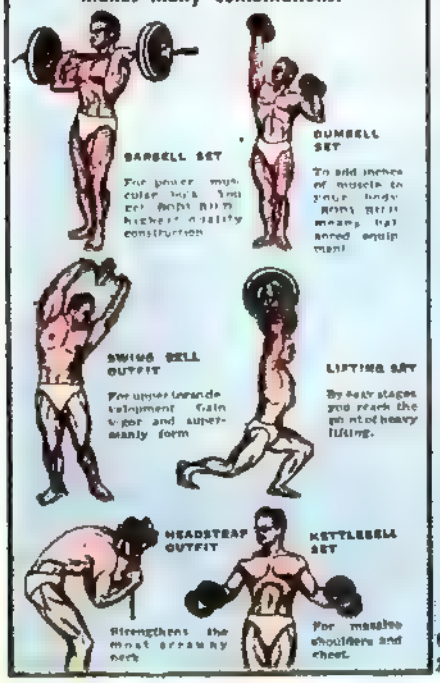
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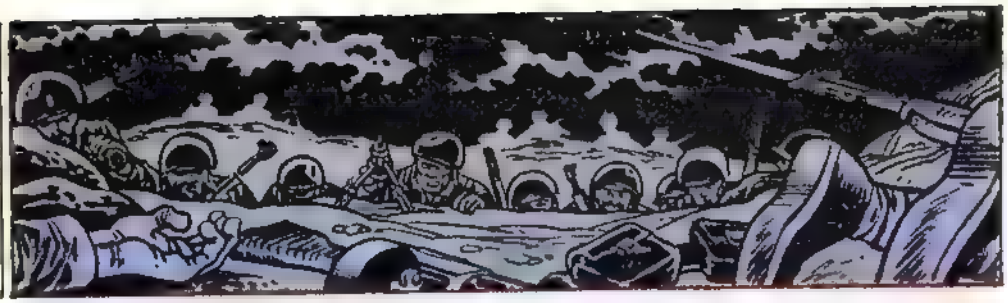


THE CHINESE REDS ARE BACK IN THEIR HOLES, LICKING THEIR WOUNDS...COUNTING THEIR DEAD.' THEN HUNDRED OF SLANTED EYES TURN TOWARD THE AMERICAN SKIRMISH LINE AND WATCH... AND WAIT...

THEY'RE SWEATIN' US OUT, COOKIE.' AN' ONCE THEY GET THEIR GUTS SCREWED TOGETHER, THEY'LL COME OUTTA THEIR HOLES YELLIN' FOR BLOODY MURDER.'
YEAH.. AN' THIS TIME THEY'LL GET IT' THERE AIN'T ENOUGH AMMO IN THIS ENTIRE LINE TO HOLD A DECENT FOURTH-OF-JULY CELEBRATION, LET ALONE HOLD OFF HALF OF THE RED ARMY.'

THAT'S WHY THE ARMY ISSUES BAYONETS, COOKIE. AN' ...
KNOCK OFF THE CHATTER, YOU TWO MAGPIES.' IF YOU WANT THOSE REDS OUT THERE TO KNOW WE'RE OUT OF AMMO WHY DON'T YOU WRITE THEM A LITTLE NOTE.'

THEN YOU COULD TELL THEM THE WHOLE STORY,' HOW WE'RE SHY OF AMMO..HOW OUR COMMUNICATIONS ARE ON THE BUM..HOW THOSE BLASTED AMMO TRUCKS WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING FOR DAYS HAVEN'T SHOWED UP YET.'

COMBAT AND COOKIE BELLY-CRAWL OUT OF THEIR HOLE...

FIVE MINUTES LATER, A RED LOOKOUT SPOTS THEM...

AND SIGNALS TO A MORTAR MAN...

...WHO DROPS A SHELL INTO THE PIPE...

...AND FIRES!

THE TWO G.I.'S HUG THE GROUND.

THEN RUN...

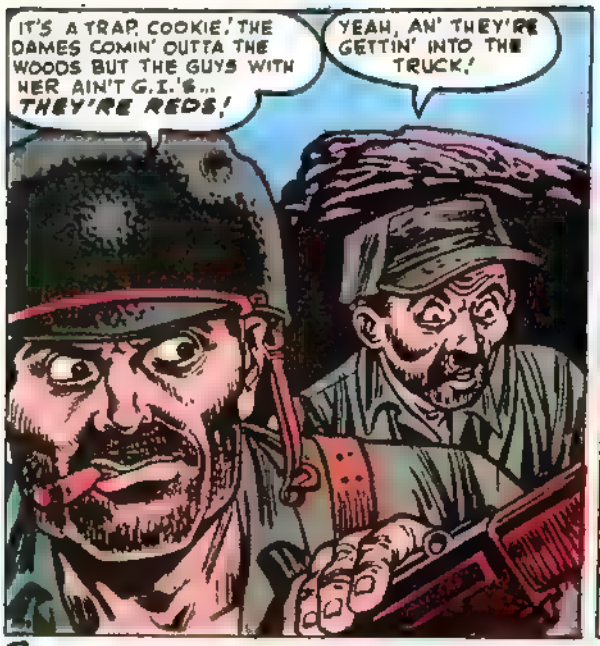
...THEN THEY HIT THE DIRT AGAIN...

FINALLY THEY OUT-DISTANCE THE RANGE OF THE SMALL CHINESE PACK MORTAR AND...

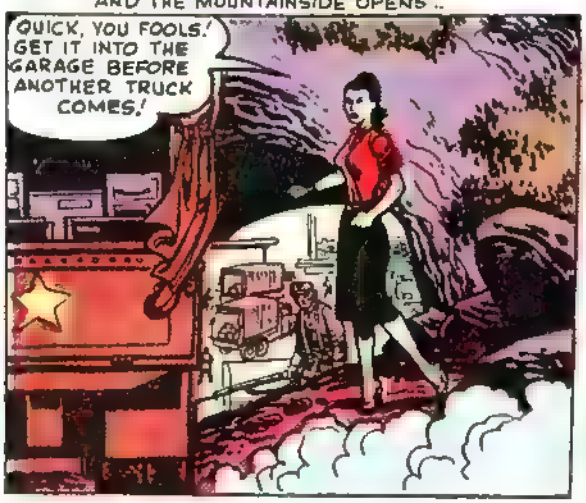
CRIPES, COMBAT, ANOTHER BELLY-FLOP AN' I WOULDA' STAYED DOWN FOR THE DURATION!
QUIT YOUR GRIPIN' AN' LET'S MAKE TRACKS! WE GOTTA CONTACT THOSE AMMO TRUCKS OR GET WORD TO HDQ. FOR HELP BEFORE THOSE REDS ATTACK AN' WIPE OUT OUR 'PLATOON.'

A HOT, DUSTY, MILE LATER... JUST AS DAWN COMES SNEAKING OVER THE HILLS...

YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL, COMBAT.. WOW!
SOFT ROAD
WATCH YOUR SPEED!
THIS IS SCREWY, COMBAT-- A BEAUTIFUL DAME RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS BLASTED WAR AN..
..AN' SHE'S BUMMIN' A RIDE! LOOK! SHE'S HAILIN' THAT G.I. TRUCK COMIN' DOWN THE GRADE!
HEY, JOE... IT'S A BABE! PULL UP THE TRUCK... I THINK SHE WANTS A LIFT!
A LIFT? TO WHERE? THE FRONT LINES UP AHEAD... THAT'S WHERE WE'RE SUPPOSE TO DELIVER THIS AMMO!
HI YA, TOOTS! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' OUT HERE IN NO-MAN'S LAND?
PLEASE, HURRY, AMERICANS... DO NOT ASK QUESTIONS! I HAVE FOUR WOUNDED G.I.'S HID IN THE BRUSH! HURRY... DO NOT WASTE TIME!
WHERE ARE THEY, BABY?
HERE THEY ARE, SUCKERS! IN BACK OF YOU!
HEY! THEY'RE REDS!
OW-W!
OH-H!
WHACK!
CRACK!


IT'S A TRAP, COOKIE! THE DAMES COMIN' OUTTA THE WOODS BUT THE GUYS WITH HER AIN'T G.I.'S... THEY'RE REDS!
YEAH, AN' THEY'RE GETTIN' INTO THE TRUCK!

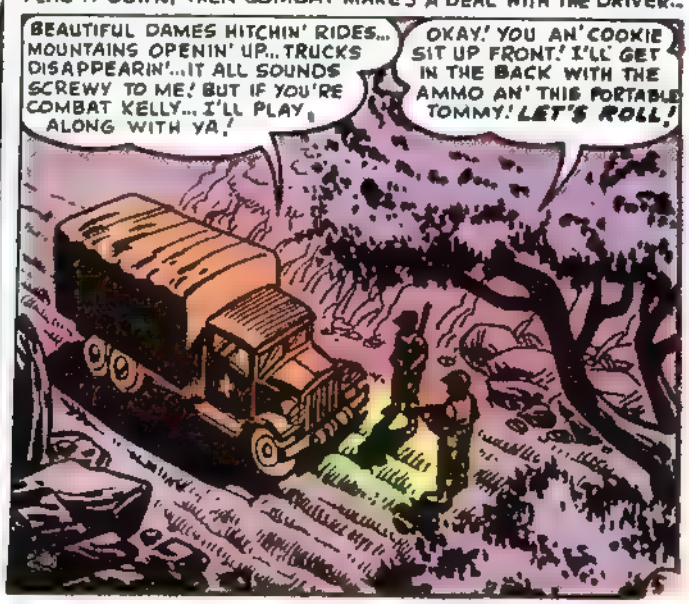
BUT AS THE TRUCK GETS NEAR THE MOUNTAIN WALL, THE SHAPELY BRUNETTE PULLS A HIDDEN LEVER AND THE MOUNTAINSIDE OPENS..



CRIPES, COMBAT... AM I GETTIN' MORTAR MADNESS OR DID I SEE A G.I. TRUCK DRIVE INTO THAT MOUNTAIN?
DON'T WORRY, COOKIE, YOU'RE AS SANE AS A SECOND LOOIE! WHAT YOU JUST SAW IS THE REASON WE AIN'T BEEN GETTIN' ANY AMMO UP AT THE FRONT!

YEAH--AN' THAT KOREAN PIN-UP GAL IS OUT THERE AGAIN, COMBAT.. POSIN' TO SNAG ANOTHER TRUCK!
AN' SHE'S GONNA GET ANOTHER ONE.. LOADED WITH DYNAMITE CALLED... COMBAT KELLY! LET'S GO... AN' KEEP OUTTA SIGHT!

COMBAT AND COOKIE SKIRT THE DANGER SPOT AND HEAD UP THE ROAD! TEN MINUTES LATER THEY SPOT A TRUCK AND THEY FLAG IT DOWN! THEN COMBAT MAKES A DEAL WITH THE DRIVER..


BEAUTIFUL DAMES HITCHIN' RIDES... MOUNTAINS OPENIN' UP... TRUCKS DISAPPEARIN'... IT ALL SOUNDS SCREWY TO ME! BUT IF YOU'RE COMBAT KELLY... I'LL PLAY ALONG WITH YA!
OKAY! YOU AN' COOKIE SIT UP FRONT! I'LL GET IN THE BACK WITH THE AMMO AN' THIS PORTABLE TOMMY! LET'S ROLL!

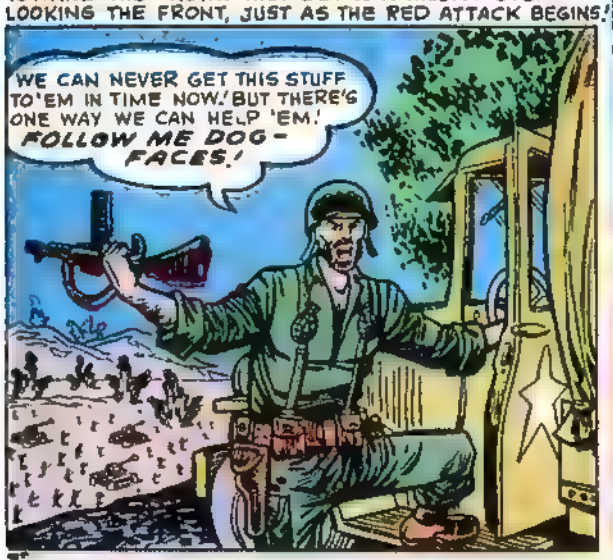
A FEW MINUTES LATER THE TRUCK DRIVER'S EYES ALMOST POP OUT OF HIS HEAD AS HE SEES..

..A DAME! IT'S A DAME.. --JUST LIKE YOU GUYS SAID!
YEAH... AN' WHEN SHE STARTS HER ROUTINE ABOUT THE WOUNDED G.I.'S MAKE LIKE YOU BELIEVE HER!

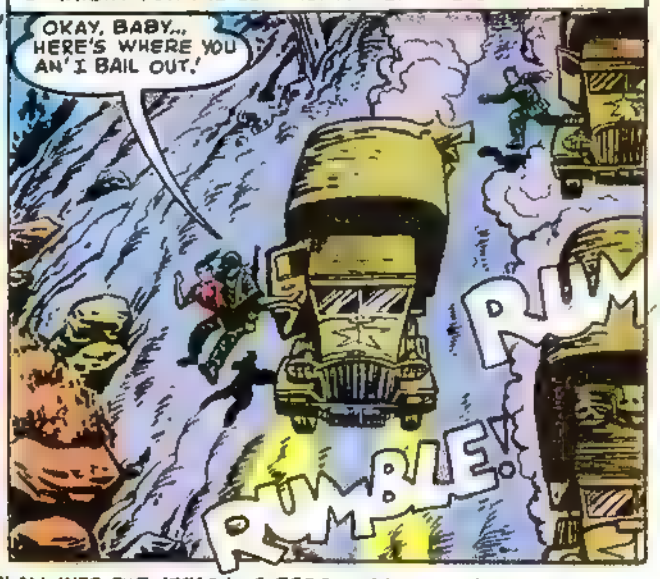
OKAY, SWEETHEART...NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOUR MAGIC ACT! OPEN UP THAT MOUNTAIN..OR DO YOU WANT ME TO OPEN UP WITH THIS RATTLER AGAIN?
DON'T SHOOT! I...I.. WILL OPEN IT.

AND WHEN SHE DID...

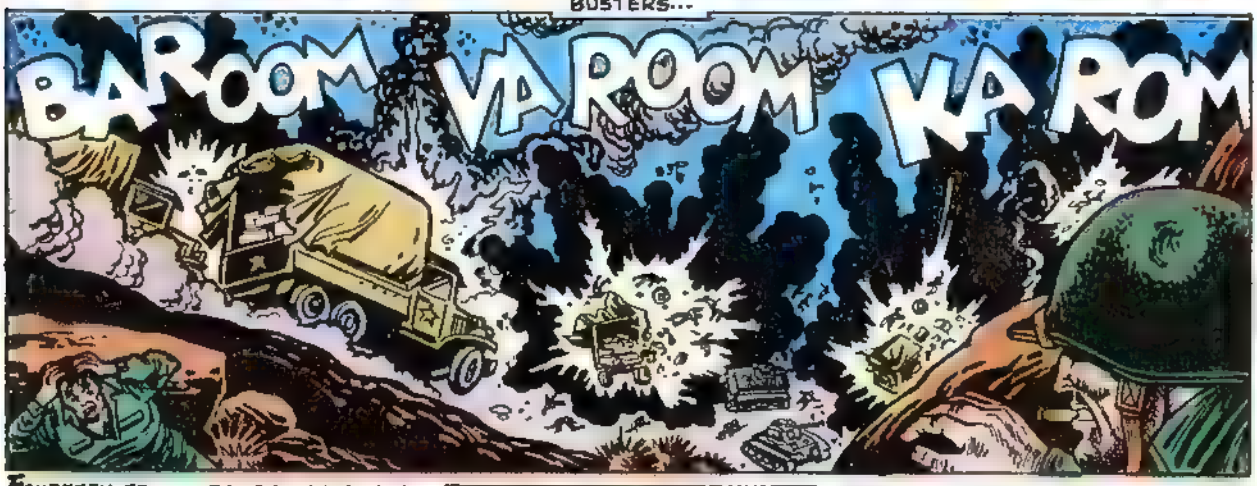
COMBAT KELLY TELLS THE DRIVERS ABOUT THE SHORTAGE OF AMMO AT THE FRONT.. AND IMMEDIATELY ALL THE TRUCKS ROLL OUT OF THE UNDERGROUND GARAGE AND TOWARD THE FRONT.' THEY GET TO A HILLTOP OVERLOOKING THE FRONT, JUST AS THE RED ATTACK BEGINS!



ALL THE AMMO-LOADED TRUCKS LINE UP AND FOLLOW COMBAT KELLY AS HE ROARS DOWN THE STEEP HILL... STRAIGHT FOR THE COMMUNIST BATTLE LINE...



THE OTHER G.I.'S FOLLOW SUIT AND THE LOADED TRUCKS SLAM INTO THE ATTACKING REDS WITH THE FORCE OF BLOCK-BUSTERS...



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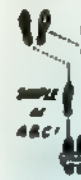

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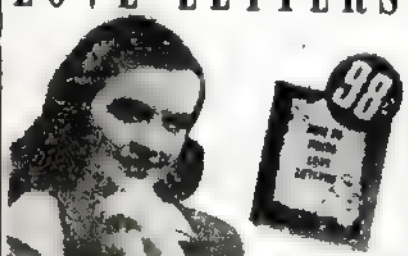

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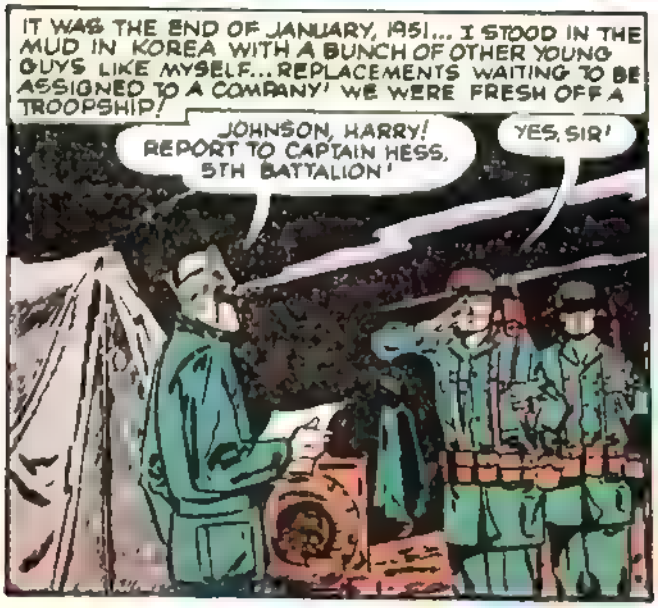
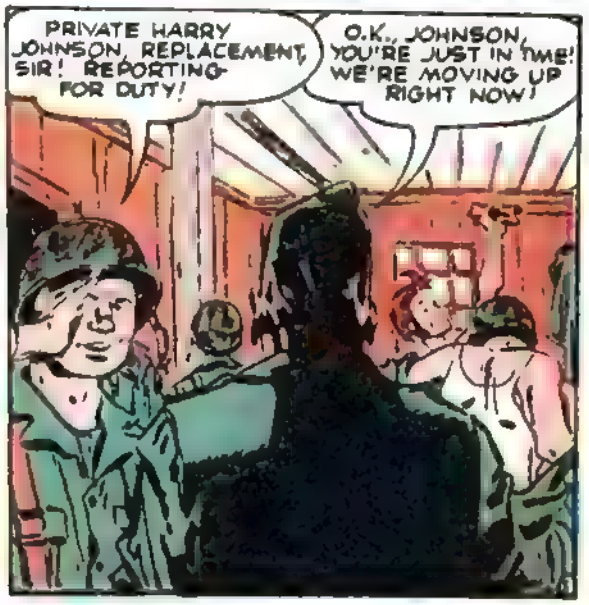
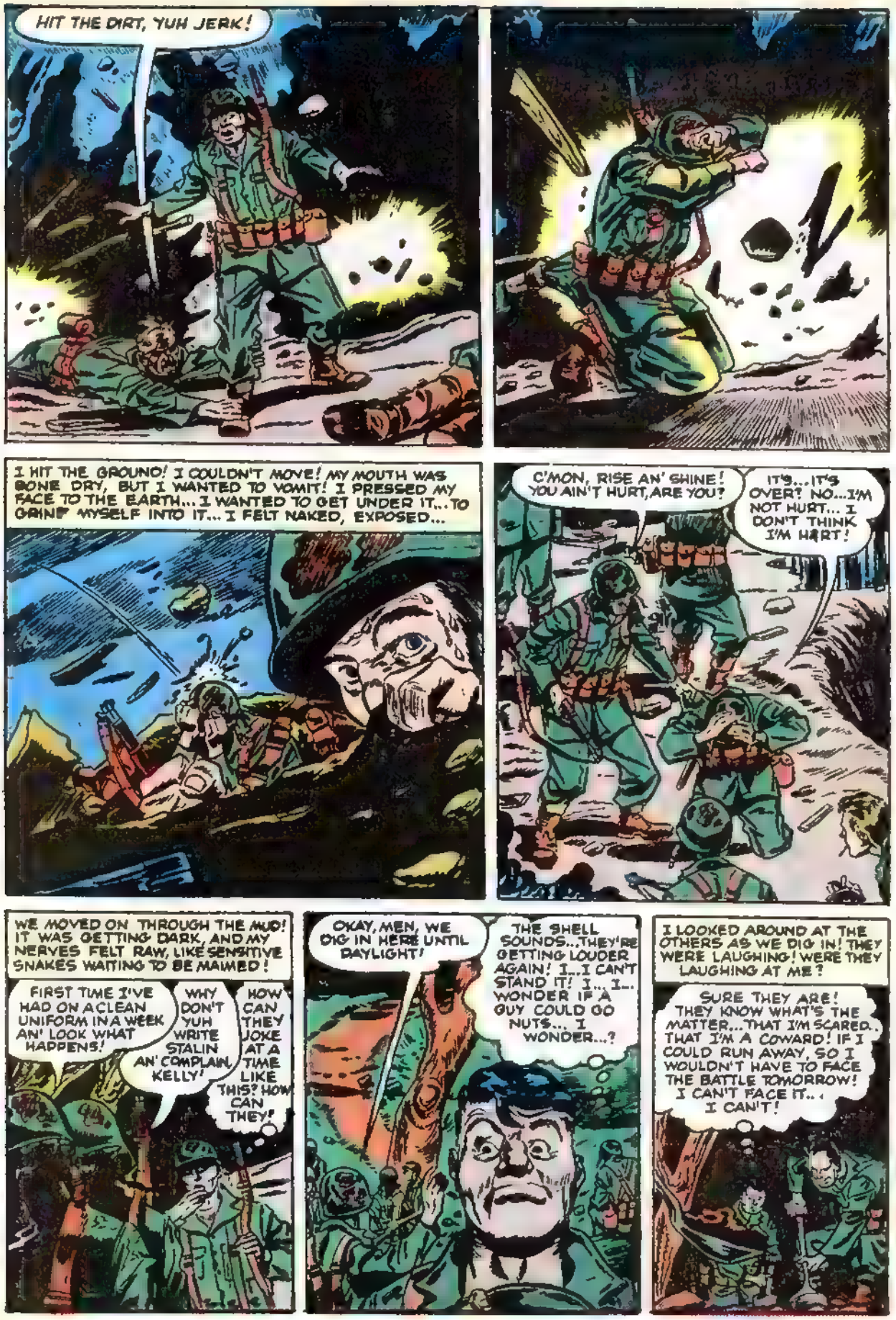
I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU THIS STORY ABOUT MYSELF BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT TO ALL YOU YOUNG GUYS WHO WILL BE IN UNIFORM SOON... OR ARE IN UNIFORM BUT HAVEN'T YET SEEN ACTION! I'M PRIVATE HARRY JOHNSON, A VETERAN OF THE KOREAN CAMPAIGN! "VETERAN"... THAT'S THE WORD THAT COUNTS. BUT, BROTHER, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SAY IT! LISTEN, LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT IT.....!

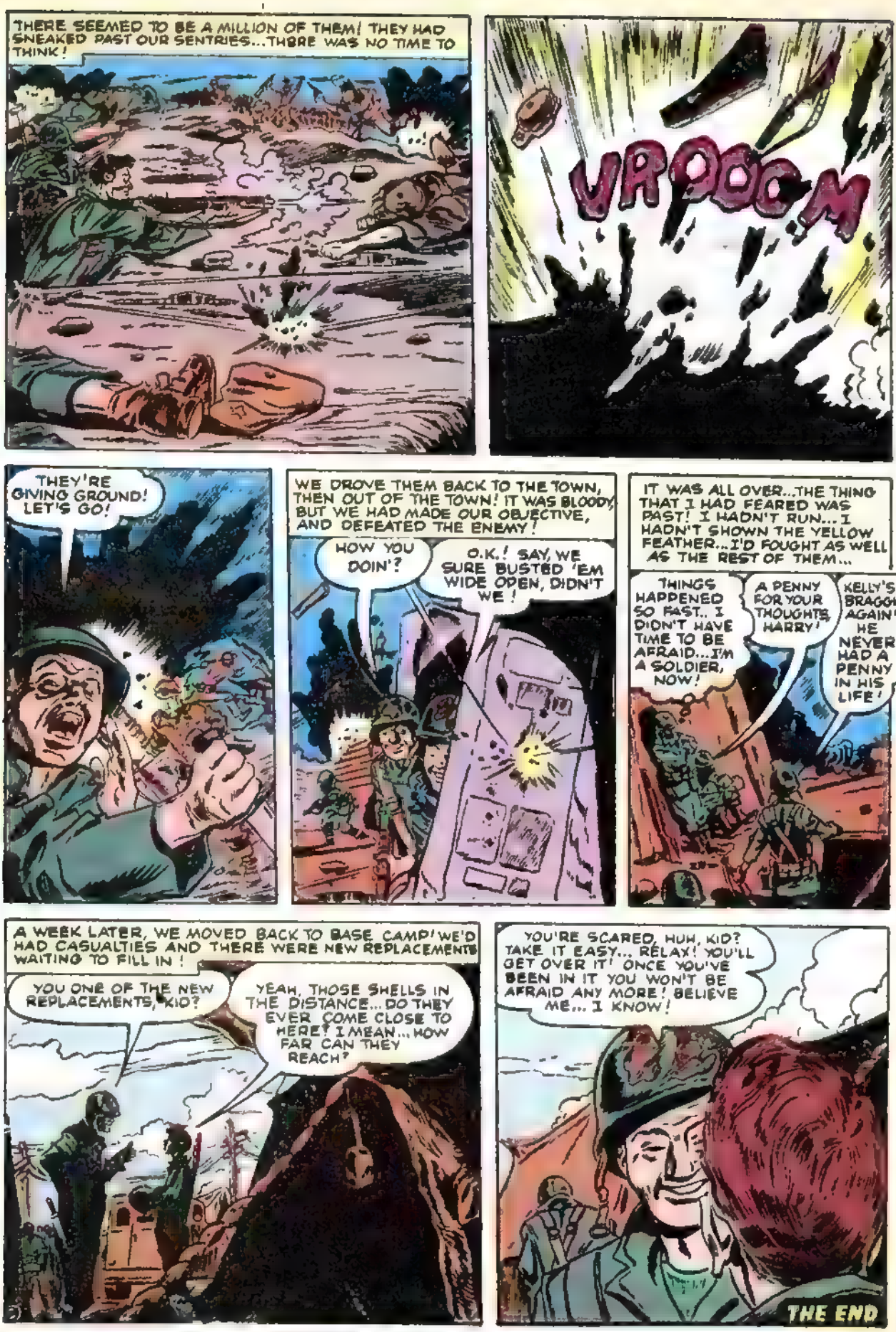

IT WAS THE END OF JANUARY, 1951... I STOOD IN THE MUD IN KOREA WITH A BUNCH OF OTHER YOUNG GUYS LIKE MYSELF... REPLACEMENTS WAITING TO BE ASSIGNED TO A COMPANY! WE WERE FRESH OFF A TROOPSHIP!
JOHNSON, HARRY! REPORT TO CAPTAIN HESS, 5TH BATTALION!
YES, SIR!



WE MOVED OUT, AND I LISTENED TO THE OTHER MEN TALK! THE 5TH WAS A VETERAN BATTALION AND THESE GUYS HAD SEEN PLENTY OF ACTION!
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE BACK THAT VILLAGE THE REDS TOOK FROM US LAST WEEK!
SO FAR'S I'M CONCERNED, THEY CAN HAVE THE VILLAGE!
I COULD HEAR THE BIG GUNS BLASTING UP AHEAD. NOW, AND I BEGAN TO FEEL UNEASY...
YEAH, BUT AFTER THE SHELLACKIN' THEY GAVE US TAKIN' BACK THE PLACE I'D LIKE A CHANCE TO GET EVEN!
THE NOISE WAS GETTING LOUDER! I WONDERED HOW FAR THOSE SHELLS REACHED... WHETHER THEY'D REACH THIS FAR... IF THIS ROAD WAS EVER SHELLED!
HEY, WATCH IT, YUH JERKS!
WAIT'LL I GET MY HANDS ON THAT DRIVER, THE...
JOHNSON, WHEN YOU SEE THOSE MUD COWBOYS COMIN', YOU'VE GOTTA DUCK! HEY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
NOTHING! NOTHING!
OH, I GET IT.. THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME! RELAX, KID! YOU'LL USED TO IT!
YEAH, SURE, I'D GET USED TO IT... IF I LIVED THAT LONG! I BEGAN TO WONDER WHAT WAS UP AHEAD! MAYBE, THEY'D BE WAITING FOR US... AN AMBUSH...


HIT THE DIRT, YUH JERK!
I HIT THE GROUND! I COULDN'T MOVE! MY MOUTH WAS BONE DRY, BUT I WANTED TO VOMIT! I PRESSED MY FACE TO THE EARTH... I WANTED TO GET UNDER IT... TO GRIND MYSELF INTO IT... I FELT NAKED, EXPOSED...
C'MON, RISE AN' SHINE! YOU AIN'T HURT, ARE YOU?
IT'S... IT'S OVER? NO... I'M NOT HURT... I DON'T THINK I'M HURT!
WE MOVED ON THROUGH THE MUD! IT WAS GETTING DARK, AND MY NERVES FELT RAW, LIKE SENSITIVE SNAKES WAITING TO BE MAIMED!
FIRST TIME I'VE HAD ON A CLEAN UNIFORM IN A WEEK AN' LOOK WHAT HAPPENS!
WHY DON'T YUH WRITE STALIN AN' COMPLAIN, KELLY!
HOW CAN THEY JOKE AT A TIME LIKE THIS? HOW CAN THEY!
OKAY, MEN, WE DIG IN HERE UNTIL DAYLIGHT!
THE SHELL SOUNDS... THEY'RE GETTING LOUDER AGAIN! I... I CAN'T STAND IT! I... I... WONDER IF A GUY COULD GO NUTS... I WONDER...?
I LOOKED AROUND AT THE OTHERS AS WE DIG IN! THEY WERE LAUGHING! WERE THEY LAUGHING AT ME?
SURE THEY ARE! THEY KNOW WHAT'S THE MATTER... THAT I'M SCARED.. THAT I'M A COWARD! IF I COULD RUN AWAY, SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO FACE THE BATTLE TOMORROW! I CAN'T FACE IT.. I CAN'T!

IT WAS PITCH DARK NOW! I COULD HEAR THE OTHER FELLOWS AS I LAY HUDDLED IN THE HOLE I'D DUG!
I CAN'T RUN AWAY! MY GIRL, HELEN, SHE'D HEAR... SHE'D KNOW! SHE COULDN'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH A COWARD!
EVERYBODY IN TOWN WOULD KNOW! WHAT'LL I DO?
A SHELL BURST NEAR! I GROVELLED IN MY HOLE! TEARS OF SELF PITY STREAKED THE DIRT ON MY FACE...MY TEETH WERE CHATTERING! BROTHER, I WAS IN A BAD WAY!
I THOUGHT DESPERATELY...THERE MUST BE A WAY OUT... THERE HAD TO BE!
IF I WAS WOUNDED THEY'D SEND ME BACK! MAYBE DISCHARGE ME! IF MY RIFLE WENT OFF ACCIDENTALLY LIKE, AN' SHOT INTO MY FOOT, I COULDN'T GO ON... I'D BE WOUNDED... THEY'D SEND ME BACK! NOBODY WOULD KNOW IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT!
I RESTED THE MUZZLE OF MY RIFLE AGAINST MY SHOE! THE SWEAT POURED DOWN MY FACE! I TIGHTENED MY FINGER ON THE TRIGGER...MY MOUTH STRETCHED WIDE AT THE EFFORT... IT WAS LIKE A 1,000 POUND WEIGHT...
MY EYES ROLLED UP AS I PUT THE LAST PRESSURE ON THE TRIGGER...AND I SAW A MAN STANDING ABOVE ME! THEN I HEARD THE CAPTAIN'S YELL!
ATTACK! UP AN' AT 'EM!
ARRRGGHHHHH!
CRACK!


THERE SEEMED TO BE A MILLION OF THEM! THEY HAD SNEAKED PAST OUR SENTRIES...THERE WAS NO TIME TO THINK!
VROOOM
THEY'RE GIVING GROUND! LET'S GO!
WE DROVE THEM BACK TO THE TOWN, THEN OUT OF THE TOWN! IT WAS BLOODY, BUT WE HAD MADE OUR OBJECTIVE, AND DEFEATED THE ENEMY!
HOW YOU DOIN'?
O.K.! SAY, WE SURE BUSTED 'EM WIDE OPEN, DIDN'T WE!
IT WAS ALL OVER...THE THING THAT I HAD FEARED WAS PAST! I HADN'T RUN... I HADN'T SHOWN THE YELLOW FEATHER...I'D FOUGHT AS WELL AS THE REST OF THEM...
THINGS HAPPENED SO FAST.. I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO BE AFRAID...I'M A SOLDIER, NOW!
A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, HARRY!
KELLY'S BRAGGIN' AGAIN! HE NEVER HAD A PENNY IN HIS LIFE!
A WEEK LATER, WE MOVED BACK TO BASE CAMP! WE'D HAD CASUALTIES AND THERE WERE NEW REPLACEMENTS WAITING TO FILL IN!
YOU ONE OF THE NEW REPLACEMENTS, KID?
YEAH, THOSE SHELLS IN THE DISTANCE...DO THEY EVER COME CLOSE TO HERE? I MEAN... HOW FAR CAN THEY REACH?
YOU'RE SCARED, HUH, KID? TAKE IT EASY... RELAX! YOU'LL GET OVER IT! ONCE YOU'VE BEEN IN IT YOU WON'T BE AFRAID ANY MORE! BELIEVE ME... I KNOW!
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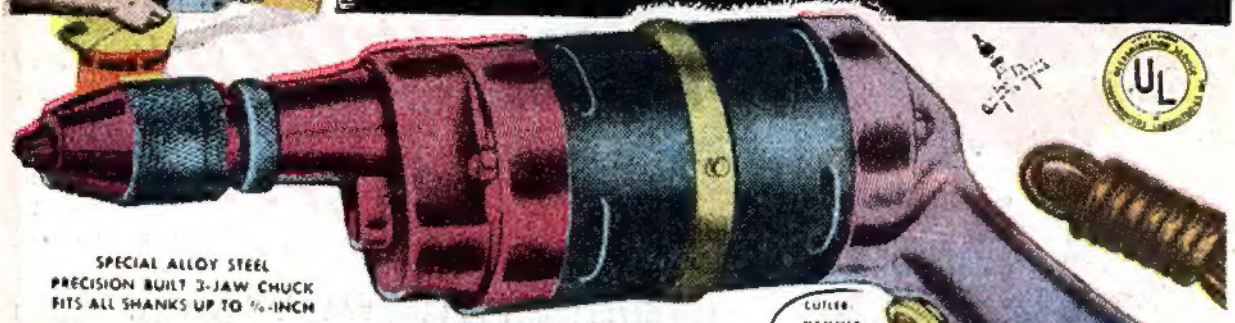

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